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COMPASS CHERRY

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Compass Cherry - Plum

Probably no variety of stone fruit grown in the west or northwest, has attracted the attention that is now given the Compass cherry-plum.

This tree is remarkably hardy, has been thoroughly tested in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, and the Dakotas from which points most encouraging and favorable reports have been received both as to its hardiness and fruitfulness.

All of our trees are budded on native plum roots, thus making every tree "iron clad" both in root and branch and is in every particular as hardy as the oak. We are advised that some tree dealers are handling Compass budded on peach root, which are of course perfectly worthless in this climate.

The Compass cherry originated by applying the pollen of the Morello cherry and Miner plum to the blossoms of the Sand Cherry. The pit from this fruit was planted the following fall. Just three years later the resulting tree, the original Compass cherry, bore fruit.

Its early bearing is wonderful. Our two year old trees standing in the nursery row were loaded

with fruit this summer. Many of our customers report a fair crop the same year the tree is set out.

The fruit in its early stages of development resembles its parent the plum, but later it rounds out like a cherry, changing in color from green to a bright red, deepening as it becomes ripened until it reaches a dark wine color. It is unsurpassed for canning purposes.

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